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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 and 12-14 have been canceled and claims 15-18 have been added. New claims 15-18 are supported by Figs. 6 and 7 and the related description in the present application. The claims have been amended to clearly distinguish over the cited prior art and to put them in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent.

No new matter has been added. It is respectfully requested that new claims 15-18 be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 15-18 patentably distinguish over all of the prior art cited and applied in the final rejection mailed April 4, 2006, taken singly or in any combination under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

According to the present invention as recited in independent claim 15, when a comparing section judges that the inputted ID data coincides with the specific character information data memorized in the information memorizing section, the operation section holds the inputted ID data until correct information is inputted from the operating section.

With this structure, when the character information of the specific character is inputted, because it automatically enters into the correction operation of the character information, there is no possibility that the information such as the another patient ID is falsely affixed, and the correction is easily conducted later as described in the present specification at, for example, page 47, lines 9-15.

Further, according to the present invention as recited in claim 18, the operation section holds the character information data coinciding with the specific character information data until being corrected by the operating section without conducting the search of the character information data base.

With this structure, because the search is not conducted from the character information data base, the processing time can be reduced as described in the present specification at, for example, page 47, lines 15-17.

As the Examiner indicates on page 7, of the first Office Action dated October 19, 2005, USP 6,002,798 ("Palmer") does not include an operating section to operate the data. The Examiner also indicates that Chevion et al disclose a system and method for correcting data extracted by optical character recognition. But, Chevion et al. does not disclose or suggest the claimed feature of the present invention that "when the comparing section judges that the inputted ID data coincides with the specific

character information data memorized in the information memorizing section, the operation section holds the inputted ID data until being corrected by the operating section" as set forth in new claim 15.

It is respectfully submitted that new claims 15-18 patentably distinguish over Palmer, Kunitomo et al and Chevion, taken singly and in any logical combination under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103. The claimed features of the present invention and the improved results obtained thereby are not taught, suggested or rendered obvious by any combination of Palmer, Kunitomo and Chevion et al.

RE PRIORITY CLAIM

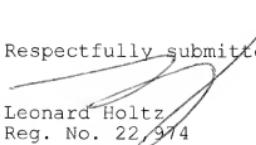
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the certified priority documents, which were filed on February 27, 2002 with the original application papers. In the Office Action Summary of the Office Action dated October 19, 2005 the Examiner did not completely acknowledge receipt thereof. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner completely acknowledge receipt thereof to perfect the priority claim under 35 USC 119.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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